SUBJECT No. 121.

Relaxation of the rule of appointing a shanbhog for each *firka*.

(1) Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

(2) Messrs. C. Vaman Rao and N. Subba Rao, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) During survey and settlement one shanbhog *firka* was divided into two or three circles and the *firka* shanbhog was required to appoint a gumasta for each of these circles and this causes hardship to shanbhogs. It is prayed that early orders be passed to remove this hardship.

(2) The remuneration which a shanbhog gets for being in charge of a circle is quite inadequate for his livelihood. A revision of circles may raise the remuneration a little but not adequately. Competent men may be allowed to be in charge of two circles.

As a matter of fact, the rule is broken freely. Some pressure is brought on shanbhogs at the time of *jamabandi* or when the *potgi* is disbursed and the matter is then forgotten.

Reply of Government.—The opinion of the Revenue Commissioner has been called for on a similar representation made last year and the question will be disposed of early.

SUBJECT No. 122.

Copies of reports of shekdars etc., to be granted on application.

Messrs. Hutchvire Gowda, Gubbi Taluk; and D. Venkataramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Copies of reports, etc., are not granted when they are applied for in connection with revenue and civil cases. The orders passed seldom contain full reasons and cannot often be understood without reference to other records. When lawyers are consulted, they are not able to advise parties for want of full information. It may be ordered that copies of all reports, etc., may also be given and not merely final orders.

Reply of Government.—A circular will be issued directing that final orders on cases should contain a statement of facts and reasons on which the decision is based, and that in cases where the order does not contain such a statement, a copy of the report giving such facts and reasons should be given to parties on application.

SUBJECT No. 123.

Succession to pateli and shanbhogi offices.

Messrs. S. Seetharamaiya, Shimoga Municipality, and Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Tk.

Summary of discussion.—The right of the female heirs of patels and shanbhogs to inherit the office was long recognised by Government. This enabled many an otherwise helpless woman to sustain herself without in any way inconveniencing Government work. The recent order of Government refusing to recognise female heirs to these offices works great hardship, without any special perceptible advantage thereby to Government service. This order may be kindly cancelled and the old order recognising the claims of female heirs restored. Even if the persons appointed to the office are willing to provide for the maintenance of these disqualified heirs, they are not able to carry out their intentions, as without Government sanction the *karars* are invalid.

Reply of Government.—The subject has been decided